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Q. When are Photo Sites open for business?

A. Most of them are open during normal business hours during the week and a few on weeknights and Saturdays.

Q. In my community there is a "part-time" Driver Examination Centre. What services are available there?

A. In some parts of the province, Driver Examination Offices are set up either one day a week, one day per month, or even less frequently in isolated locations. These locations can complete all types of driver licensing services, but most won't be able to take photos because they don't have cameras.

Q. When it's time to renew my licence, what identification do I need?

A. A current driver's licence and one other piece of identification bearing your signature.

Q. What should I do if my licence is near expiry and I haven't received my renewal application in the mail?

A. Go to your nearest Photo Site where one will be produced for you. You can obtain a licence extension at any Photo Site.

Q. If I can't get to a Photo Site when my licence is up for renewal, can I have my photo taken ahead of time?

A. Yes. You can renew up to 6 months in advance of your regular renewal at any Driver Examination Centre.

Q. How long will it take to get my Photo Licence?

A. The process takes about five minutes once you've reached the counter at your Photo Site.

Q. Do I need a new Photo Card if I change my address?

A. No, but we'll send you a new Licence Card at no cost. The procedure for changing your address is the same as before photo licensing ... just complete and mail the change of address stub on your Licence Card to the Kingston address shown.

Q. If I have a learner's permit, do I need a photo?

A. No.

Q. If I require an annual test, do I need a new photo every year?

A. No. Photos are required every three years.

Q. If I don't like my picture, can I have another taken?

A. Sorry, unless there's a "problem" with the photo (i.e. eyes closed, photo blurred) the ministry will not retake the photo.

Q. If I lose my Photo Licence (Photo Card or Licence Card) what do I do?

A. Go to your nearest Driver Examination Centre and your two part Photo Licence will be replaced for a fee of \$7.00.

Q. My licence is suspended. How will photo licensing affect me?

A. If your suspension **was not** for medical reasons, you will need to have a photo taken when your licence is reinstated. If the suspension **was** for medical reasons no photo is necessary upon reinstatement.

Q. If my licence is suspended, do I have to turn in both parts to the ministry?

A. No. You must turn in your Licence Card, but you may keep your Photo Card for identification purposes.

Q. How can I ensure my Photo and Licence Cards stay together?

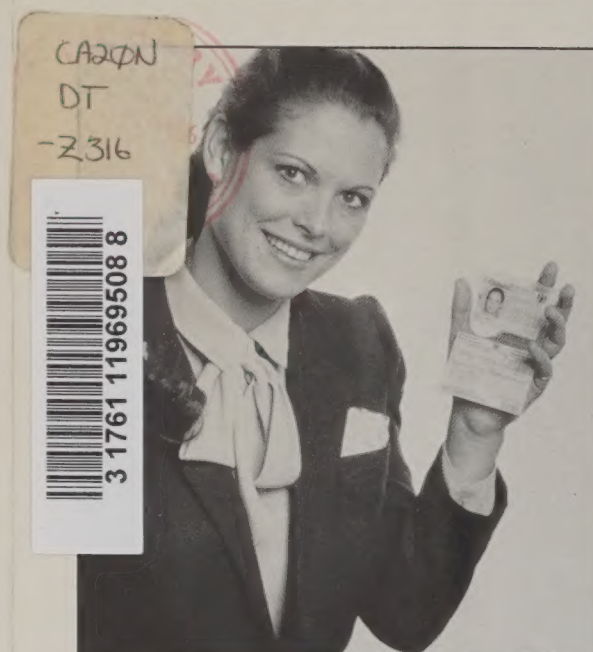
A. With your new photo licence, the ministry will issue a free plastic folder specially designed for both cards.

For further information, contact your local ministry office.



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A New Driver's Licence



Ontario

WHAT PHOTO LICENSING MEANS TO YOU

As of February 3, 1986 photo licensing comes into effect. It means changes in the way we go about getting our driver's licence. For instance, now you'll have to go to a Photo Site to have your picture taken when renewing your licence. Don't worry, there are close to 400 Photo Sites across the province. You'll have your photo taken every three years at licence renewal time. This new licence consists of a laminated Photo Card and a Licence Card. Together these two pieces represent one valid driver's licence.

PHOTO LICENSING FOR ONTARIO

Why now? Because with over five and a half million licenced drivers across Ontario, it was time for a change and a change for the better.

Ontario's new photo licence system means:

- a positive, acceptable method of identification ... a photo licence makes personal identification easier.
- a major contribution to law enforcement ... it prevents unlicensed and suspended drivers from using someone else's licence and also prevents someone from taking a road test for a friend.
- we now have one of the best licence security systems in the world ... a tamper-proof licence which contains security features to avoid fraud and counterfeiting.

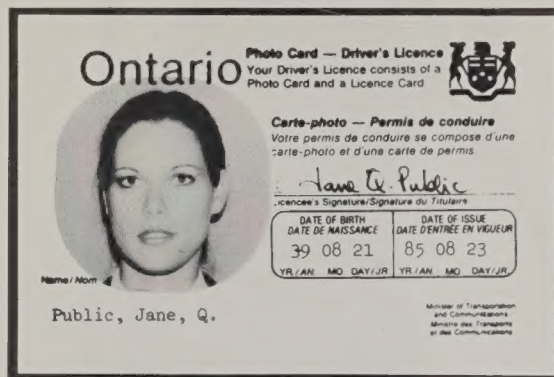
WHY A TWO-PART PHOTO LICENCE?

We researched driver licensing across North America and chose a two-part photo licence system similar to that used in Alberta and Virginia.

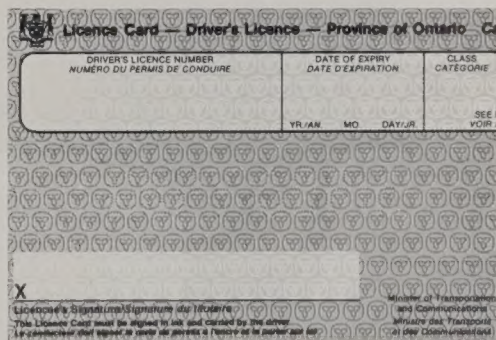
- It's more convenient than a one-part system for address changes because you don't have to have your photo taken every time you change your address.
- It's a more secure system, from a law enforcement point of view, and is an aid to enforcement agencies across the country.
- It's compatible with our present computer system ... an economic benefit to us.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. When does the new photo licensing system start?**
A. February 3rd, 1986. Photo Licensing will be phased in gradually over the next three years.
- Q. When will I need to obtain a photo licence?**
A. When you pass your original road test to become a licensed driver and every time you renew your licence.
- Q. What will my new driver's licence look like?**
A. It will now consist of two parts -- a **Photo Card** and a **Licence Card**.



The **Photo Card** will be a colour photo laminated in plastic.



The **Licence Card** will be a revised version of the old style licence.

- Q. Should I always carry my Licence Card with my Photo Card?**
A. Yes. If you don't, then it isn't a driver's licence.
- Q. How much will the photo licence renewal cost?**
A. \$21.00 for a three year renewal.
- Q. May I have a photo licence prior to my usual renewal date?**
A. Yes. You may "volunteer" at any time after February 3rd to have a photo licence for a fee of \$7.00.
- Q. Where can I go to get my photo licence?**
A. To your nearest Photo Site located at all
 - Driver & Vehicle Licence Offices (where you currently go for your vehicle stickers)
 - Driver Examination Centres
 There are almost 400 locations across Ontario.

- Q. Can all Photo Sites handle all driver licensing transactions?**
A. No. All types of driver licensing services are available at Ministry Driver Examination Centres. Driver & Vehicle Licence Offices can only do driver renewals without tests or without changes to licence information, they can also do a change of address and take volunteer photos.

SERVICES AVAILABLE	DRIVER EXAMINATION CENTRE	DRIVER & VEHICLE LICENCE OFFICE
Licence Renewals	Yes	Yes
Licence Renewals with Test(s)	Yes	No
Replacements (lost/stolen/destroyed licence)	Yes	No
Address Change Notification	Yes	Yes
Other Changes to Licence	Yes	No
Volunteer Photo	Yes	Yes